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Claims 1 through 10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A filter media comprising hydroentangled, predominantly polyester staple length fibers, devoid of multi-component fusible fibers, having a basis weight of no more than about 12 oz/yd², a Mullen Burst strength of at least about 395 psi, and machine-direction and cross-direction shrinkage of less than about 3% at 350° F., said filter media being heat-treated by heat-setting, and exhibiting a machine-direction strip tensile of at least about 12.2 lb/in per ounce/yard² of basis weight, and a cross-direction strip tensile of at least about 8.5 lb/in per ounce/yard² of basis weight.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A filter media in accordance with claim 11, wherein:

said media exhibits machine-direction and cross-direction shrinkage of less than about 2%.

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